

## **NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

### **SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012**

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present, Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn. Mr. Protogyrou was absent.

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

### **AGENDA OVERVIEW**

The City Manager reviewed items on the work session agenda. He noted council is scheduled to meet with Norfolk Public School Board on November 20, NRHA on October 16 and in December with the Community Services Board and a handout with the 2013 meeting scheduled for review was distributed.

### **COUNCIL INTERESTS**

1. Councilman Riddick stated, as a follow-up to last week's concern about parking on Church Street for the Square Deal Barbershop and the referenced shared parking with the doctor's office (Dr. Fayton), he noted that NRHA sold Dr. Fayton the entire parking lot so he suggested using the vacant lot on A Avenue for parking for the barbershop and for the residents who live above the barbershop.
2. Councilwoman Whibley noted a request in the legislative package where the Bike Commission asked for a Resolution for continued State funding for maintenance of bike lanes.
3. Councilwoman Williams a) asked what mechanism is in place to ensure accuracy of employee count and b) complimented the Police Chief for police presence at the NAACP banquet.
4. Councilman Smigiel noted a plan to replace power lines that run through Ward 5 along Little Creek Road and going to Ward 3 through Tanner's Creek and stated that he is getting calls and emails about it. He stated that he would like to get a clearer picture on what Dominion Power is doing and what the city's role is in it and that it should be communicated to the public.

## **BUS TRANSFER STATION**

City Manager, Marcus Jones, HRT CEO, William Harrell, Ray Camoroso and John Keifer, Public Works Director, reported as follows:

- The City Manager provided background on how the recommendation was arrived at to locate the transfer station to St. Paul's Boulevard downtown.
- Mr. Harrell reviewed HRT's operational needs related to the transfer station including: 1) 16 bays with 3 layover spaces; 2) orderly circulation patterns; 3) safe pedestrian pathways; 4) space for fare sales, information and restrooms; 5) visibility from the street; and 6) walkable to downtown destinations.
- John Keifer reviewed the design for the facility, noted a new signalized pedestrian crosswalk is required and that design is planned for October-July 2013 with construction scheduled for October 2013 to December 2014.
- Mr. Keifer noted the desirability to relocate the Cedar Grove location as soon as possible and proposed moving to an interim location on Wood Street. The estimated cost for this is \$200,000 for construction.
- The budget for the permanent facility is estimated to be \$4 to 5.5 million.

The ensuing council discussion was focused on the St. Paul's proposed location versus an alternative site such as Harbor Park with pros and cons of each noted. In noting his support of the administration's recommendation the Mayor asked the Manager to bring a resolution to the council as a way to give direction to the administration.

## **TOP DECK PARKING PROGRAM**

Darrell Hill, Assistant City Manager, reviewed this pilot program as follows:

- It will dedicate 300 spaces on the top level of three parking decks for 24/7 use by qualifying businesses with tiered pricing.
- The program requires council authorization and the recommendation is to approve.

## **ZONING AMENDMENT-HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ABC ESTABLISHMENTS**

Frank Duke, Director of Planning, reported:

- If adopted this will eliminate the restrictions on hours of operation within 100 feet of a single family residence but leave in place the prohibition on hours of amplified outdoor sound.
- Planning Commission recommends approval on a 4-0 vote.